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**14.1 Faulty Parallel Structure**

MY SENTENCE: Confronted with a day that is just not going your way, an alarm clock that doesn't go off, you are running late for work or school, have forgot something at home, and at this point, it doesn't look like anyone is on your side.

EXPLANATION: To avoid awkwardness and confusion, place correlative conjunctions directly before the parallel terms. Add a few words to the second part of a sentence that uses parallel structure. This information can be found on pages 475 to 477 of the Holt Handbook.

REVISED EXAMPLE: Confronted with a day that is just not going your way or an alarm clock that doesn't go off, you are running late for work or school and have forgot something at home. At this point, it doesn't look like anyone is on your side.

ORIGINAL EXAMPLE: Before leaving the party, I thanked the host for inviting me.